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LOCAL COMPETITION AND CUP RULES

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1. GENERAL:

- (A) These rules shall cover all Local Competitions and Cups conducted by the HSA Inc. and shall be directly overseen by the competition secretary and the management committee.
- (B) The Joint Competition By Laws override the local rules for ALL Joint Competitions. Where the Joint By Laws do not override the local competition rules the local competition rules apply (e.g. Eligibility).
- (C) These competition rules and regulations are subject to alteration as required, by a simple majority vote of the HSA Inc. management committee. However, such alterations must be made prior to the commencement of the relevant competition or cup. FNSW shall be empowered to alter these rules at any time.
- (D) Any matters not included in the rules and regulations must be referred to the HSA Inc. management committee whose decision shall be final.
- (E) Following the closing date for entries of teams in each grade for Competition (**which is 8th March 2010**) the fixtures committee shall meet to arrange suitable competitions for the season and no late entries are permitted unless they can replace a bye in the draw. (*Team nominations must be submitted on the prescribed form*).
- (F) If teams finish on equal points in the competition then the team position shall be determined by:
 - (i) The number of goals scored by each team less the number of goals scored against that team,
 - (ii) Or if that be equal then by the number of goals scored by each team,
 - (iii) Or if that be equal then, by a play-off match between teams.
- (G) In the event of the withdrawal of any team before the conclusion of the competition, all points previously allocated in matches in which they have taken part shall be deleted and the goals for and against adjusted accordingly.
- (H) Except where these competition rules specify otherwise the HSA Inc. competitions and cups will be conducted in accordance with FIFA laws of the game.
- (I) Each Club wishing to enter a teams into both HSA SSF/ Junior formats and HSA All Age Competitions OR only into All Age Competitions must pay a Club entry fee of \$500 per annum; payable 30 days from team nomination date.
- (J) Each Club wishing to enter a teams into only HSA SSG/Junior formats must pay a Club entry fee of \$75 per annum; payable 30 days from team nomination date.

(K) The 'host venue Clubs' for each of the playing fields at which HSA schedule fixtures are listed here:

- Ferndale Reserve (Bundanoon): Bundanoon Rebels FC
- Exeter Park (Exeter): Exeter SC
- Church Rd. (Moss Vale): Moss Vale SC
- Tudor House (Tudour House): Tudor House School
- Hampden Park (Robertson): Robertson-Burrawang Rovers SC
- David Wood Playing Fields (David Wood): HSA & HFC
- Stephens Park (Bowral): Bowral United SC
- Gib Gate (Gib Gate): Gib Gate School
- Ironmines (Mittagong): Mittagong SC
- Jurd Park (Colo Vale): Patris United SC
- Boronia Park (Hill Top): Hill Top SC
- Government Rd. (Yerrinbool): Yerrinbool-Bargo SC

2. PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION AND POINTS:

- (A)
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|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Win | 3 points |
| Draw | 1 points |
| Loss | 0 points |
| Bye | 0 points |
| Win by forfeit | 3 points (plus 3 goal difference) |
- (B) Depending on the number of teams nominating in each age division, the Competition Secretary shall determine the number of rounds in each competition. Full rounds need not be played.
- (C) Female soccer: where possible the HSA Inc. will conduct competitions to best accommodate the number of teams nominated. Females 17 years or older cannot play in competitions of the opposite gender.
- (D) At the completion of the round(s) the four top teams will play off for the right to be major premiers. The order of play shall be:

Team ranked 1 plays team ranked 2, the winner advancing to the grand final, the losing team plays the winner of the match between teams 3 and 4 in the final, the winner advancing to the grand final.

- (E) The management committee reserves the right to alter the rules for semis, finals and grand finals in writing giving **seven (7)** days notice prior to the match.
- (F) In the event of drawn matches in all finals, extra time shall be played as follows:

Up to U/12..... 5 minutes each way
U/13 to A/A..... 10 minutes each way

The team with the most total goals at the end of extra time wins the match.

In the event of the match resulting in a draw after extra time has been played the following shall decide the winner:

- Five (5) penalty kicks per team taken alternately.
- If still equal after this, one (1) penalty kick per team shall be taken until one team gains a lead after an equal number of kicks.

No player may be substituted/interchanged after the end of extra time, with the exception of the goalkeeper who may be replaced by a named substitute should the keeper become injured during the taking of penalty kicks and is unable to continue.

3. MATCH BALLS:

Up to U/10.....	size 3
U/11-U/13.....	size 4
U/13 & U/14 combined competition.....	size 5
U/14-AA.....	size 5

It is required that both teams supply a match ball of acceptable standard.

4. MATCH PLAYING TIMES:

(A) U/6 – U/7.....	15 minutes each way
U/8-U/9.....	20 minutes each way
U/10-U/12.....	25 minutes each way
U/13-U/14.....	30 minutes each way
U/15-U16.....	35 minutes each way
A/A women.....	45 minutes each way
A/A men.....	45 minutes each way

Half time of 5 minutes is recommended for all games.

- (B) Ten minutes grace only will be allowed from the advised kick-off time before a forfeit can be claimed *with the exception of Small Sided Games games*. Games that start after the advised kick-off time must play reduced halves to ensure that the following game is able to commence at its advised starting times.

5. CORNER KICKS:

U/11 & U/12 age groups inclusive shall take corner kicks from a point no closer than 7.5m out from the penalty area.

6. STRIP:

- (A) All players in every match must appear in proper uniform (i.e. numbered shirts, shorts and socks) all in the club registered colours. Regulation footwear, shin guards must always be worn entirely underneath socks.
- (B) Where in the opinion of the referee the team colours & design conflict, the HOME team must change into their alternate strip or numbered bibs.

- (C) Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from the other players and the referees.
- (D) All clubs must have an alternate strip or numbered bibs.
- (E) All players are permitted to wear beanies and gloves, provided they are not deemed dangerous. Players up to and including U/12 groups are also allowed to wear tracksuit pants and warm top, provided their jersey is worn over it and their number is clearly visible.
- (F) Sponsorship (other than the clothing brand name) will be permitted on socks, shorts, shirts & tracksuits.
- (G) Players cannot interchange shirts during a match.

7. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES:

- (A) The Highlands Soccer referees Association (HSRA) appointments officer shall appoint referees and assistant referees. In the event of an appointed official not attending, the team managers shall select a person to control the game and such referee's decisions shall be accepted as official. Except where previously appointed, each team will provide an assistant referee who shall report to the referee prior to the commencement of the match. Failure to supply an Assistant Referee may result in a fine.
- (B) Managers/coaches must ask the referee if, during the match, any cautions or send-offs were issued, before they sign the team sheet at the completion of the game.
- (C) All Small Sided Football Game Controllers (or Instructing Referees) for U6, U7, U8, U9 and U10 games will be appointed by the 'host venue Club'. Where no such appointments have been made, the 'home team' shall appoint the Game Controller (or Instructing Referee).
- (D) Small Sided Football Game Controllers or Instructing Referees shall be registered with the club as players or as an official. The Small Sided Football Game Controllers (or Instructing Referees) shall receive a minimum \$8 reward in cash upon presentation of the completed original teamsheet from either the 'host venue Club' Ground Official or the 'home team' coach/manager – which ever appointed the Game Controller or Instructing Referee.

8. PLAYER REGISTRATION:

- (A) Clubs entering teams in age grade competitions shall by the act of submitting player registrations and team nominations, certify that the club registrar has sighted, birth certificates or other statutory proof acceptable to the HSA Inc. of date of birth of each player at the time of such players registration.
- (B) Player registrations after **23rd March 2010** shall be accepted only upon appointment with the Registrar and will be processed between seven (7) and fourteen (14) days from receipt of completed registration packages.

- (C) Player registration are required to be submitted for the current season before 1st June each year.
- (D) Clubs will be billed 60% of their 2009 final full registration costs before 31st March 2010 with the accounts payable within 30 days of invoice date.
- (E) The final balance registration invoice for player registrations will be issued soon after **1st June 2010** and is payable within 30 days of invoice date.
- (C) Where a club has more than one team in age divisions, they shall be nominated as team A, B, C etc. on the initial team nomination form to submitted at the commencement of the season.

9. PLAYER & TEAM OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION:

- (A) Player Identification Cards will not be required for Local Competition or Joint Competition with STFA (despite the Joint Competition Rules stating so).
- (B) Should the opposing manager dispute a players identity, then that player must sign the team sheet in the appropriate 'disputed player' area and the game should proceed. The disputing club must lodge an official protest to HSA Secretary per these rules after the match if it wishes the HSA in investigate the matter.
- (D) It is mandatory for all coaches, managers & team officials to be registered with the HSA Inc. They must carry & display photo identification cards as from **01 May 2010** whilst in the technical area of playing fields during which their teams fixture is scheduled and in play. Only so identified coaches, managers, team officials and players who appear on the match team sheet are permitted in the technical area.
- (E) Coach, manager & team official I.D cards must be worn on a layard around the neck external to all clothing for the period of time from 30 minutes prior to the fixture kick-off through to the conclusion of of all post match official duties for and on behalf of the team and club.
- (F) Coach, manager & team official I.D cards must be made available to the opposing team's coach, manager or to the Referee or Ground Official upon request for the purposes of identifying the registered coach, manager &/or team official. If these I.D cards are not produced as requested, the disputing club must lodge an official protest to HSA Secretary per these rules after the match if it wishes the HSA in investigate the matter. The Ground Official &/or referee is empowered with discretionary authority to have non-identified persons removed from the technical area and/or playing facility at all HSA sanctioned events.

10. TEAM SHEETS:

- (A) The HSA Inc. shall supply the team sheets. Team sheets must be completed with all details written using only black ink ball point pen in every form field information box.

(B) U6 – U9 Small Sided Football:

All team sheets must be completed in triplicate. After the match, the completed original 'yellow' copy is to be forwarded by post to the HSA, post marked the first Australia Post business day (usually Monday, except public holidays) immediately following matches (post to: PO Box 2221 Bowral NSW 2576).

The team sheets must be received in the HSA Post Office Box by 9.00am the Thursday after each match. The applicable fine will automatically apply for each team sheet not received in accordance with this rule.

The 'blue' copy will be retained by the 'away' club and filed on a weekly basis with the club Secretary or Recorder.

The 'green' copy is to be retained by the 'home' club and filed on a weekly basis with the club Secretary or Recorder.

(C) U10 Small Sided Football and U11 – All Age Competition & Cups:

All team sheets must be completed in quadruplicate. The original 'white' copy shall be retained by the Highlands Soccer Referees Association (HSRA) Referee. If a Club Referee is required to referee a match, the 'home Club' shall forward the original 'white' copy by fax to the HSRA Treasurer (see Appendix B) and original by mail with the 'yellow' copy.

The 'yellow' copy is to be forwarded by post to the HSA, post marked the first Australia Post business day (usually Monday, except public holidays) immediately following matches (post to: PO Box 2221 Bowral NSW 2576).

The team sheets must be received in the HSA Post Office Box by 9.00am the Thursday after each match. The applicable fine will automatically apply & be invoiced to offending Clubs for each team sheet not received in accordance with this rule.

The 'blue' copy will be retained by the 'away' club and filed on a weekly basis with the club Secretary or Recorder.

The 'green' copy is to be retained by the 'home' club and filed on a weekly basis with the club Secretary or Recorder.

- (D)** All clubs shall appoint a Club Recorder to receive their clubs team scores. Both the 'home' & 'away' Club Recorders shall report the result of all matches, whether these are 'home' or 'away' matches, to the HSA Recorder via E-Mail as a first preference. All club Recorders are requested to forward the match results to the HSA Recorder by 7.00pm on the day the match is played.

Email: recorder@hsa.org.au

Ph: 4883 6421 (Liz Norrie)

Mob: tba

- (E)** In all competition matches and Small Sided Football games, the team manager/coach shall before the start of play complete the team sheet in BLOCK letters, with the list of proper and given names of the players in their team to correspond with the numbers on

the playing strip. All players taking part in a match, either on the field or as a substitute, must be named on the team sheet. Any club which fails to list a player shall be deemed to have played an illegal player, and the relevant penalty shall apply.

- (F) In all Small Sided Football games, the 'home team' is responsible for supplying the Small Sided Football 'Game Controller' or 'Instructing Referee' with the team sheet completed with fixture details and home team player details at least 10 minutes prior to the advertised kick-off time.
- (G) In all U11 – All Age competition matches and Small Sided Games, the 'home team' is responsible for supplying the Ground Official with the the team sheet completed with fixture details and home team player details at least 10 minutes prior to the advertised kick-off time.
- (H) No additions may be made to the U10 – All Age team sheet once the match kicks off.
- (I) The Ground Official is to secure the U11 – All Age match team sheet before match kick-off and present to the match referee upon request.

The Ground Official shall not allow any access to the match team sheet to any person other than the match officials once the match has kicked-off through to the conclusion of the match.

The Ground Official shall present the match team sheet to the match official initially at the conclusion of the match & receive the team sheet back from the match official once he/she has entered match details onto the team sheet.

The Ground Official shall not permit any alterations to the teamsheet at the conclusion of the match except for team managers being permitted to strike out the names of players listed in their own team who did not take the field of play during the match and for the team managers signing the team sheet in the relevant section.

The Ground Official will distribute the relevant team sheet copies to the the repsective teams.

- (J) The U10 – All Age match referee shall write the score on the team sheet at the conclusion of the game.
- (K) Neither the original team sheet, or carbon copies are to be altered at all after signing the team sheet by the team managers.
- (L) When a player plays up a grade (to which he/she is not registered) then the age group &/or division that the player is registered in, must be noted on the team sheet.
- (M) A maximum number of player names are to be listed on the team sheet according to this schedule:

U6 – U7:	6 players
U8 – U9:	10 players
U10:	12 players
U11 – All Age:	16 players

- (N) FFA Player Registration Numbers are not required to be entered onto the team sheet for local competition or local cup matches.
- (L) In all competition matches, the team manager/coach shall sign the team sheet after the game to confirm the result unless they disagree and wish to protest. The disputing club must lodge an official protest to HSA Secretary per these rules after the match if it wishes the HSA to investigate the matter.

Note: Clubs which do sign the match sheet, yet find out afterwards that they have grounds for a protest, can still file a protest with the HSA provided it is within the scheduled 48 hour period, as per Rule 11.

11. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

- (A) Any club may protest in writing to the HSA Management Committee on any matter relating to, or arising out of the competition conducted by the HSA Inc. All protests must be lodged in writing, within forty eight (48) hours of the match to which it is related. At the time of lodging the protest, the prescribed fee shall be paid and may be refunded if the protest is upheld. Any expenses incurred shall be apportioned as the management committee shall decide. The secretary of the HSA Inc. shall send a copy of the protest and particulars thereof to the club against which it has been lodged.
- (B) Fines and penalties will be applied automatically in accordance with these rules. A summary of any fine or penalty will be forwarded to each club as soon as reasonably possible after the incident or match in which the event attracting a fine &/or penalty is detected or brought to the attention of HSA. Clubs may lodge a notice of dispute of any fine &/or penalty applied

12. DEFERRED GAMES:

- (A) There will be no deferred games except for Representative Team commitments (see Rule 16D), wet weather deferred matches or where application to change the fixtures has been accepted by HSA.
- (B) Where possible, clubs may request any possible 'bye' in the draw schedule to be allocated for particular date(s) only by written application to the Secretary received prior to the closing date of competition team nominations. These written applications will be given consideration when the competition schedule is being developed.
- (C) Where school teams have entered into the competition, the draw will be arranged to accommodate weekends when the school teams are unavailable.
- (D) Where circumstances arise (other than Rule 12A) whereby a team will not be able to field a minimum number of players for an upcoming match, that team's Club may apply to the HSA Management Committee for an alteration to the fixture schedule
- (E) All applications for fixture changes must use the 'HSA application to alter fixture' form. Such application signed as an agreement between two affected clubs must be lodged with the HSA Secretary no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the affected fixture.

It is the responsibility of the requesting team to contact the opponent team and request a change of fixture, to make venue arrangements and pay all associated costs (eg: venue floodlight hire etc). If the opposing team agrees to re-schedule the fixture, the match fixture must be played before the original fixture time/date or within two weeks after the original fixture date. If a mutually agreeable time/place cannot be found to play the match fixture, the requesting team will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

13. GROUND OFFICIAL:

- (A) At least one identifiable, uniformed Ground Official shall be on duty per fixture and visible to the match referee and/or Small Sided Football 'Games Controller' or 'Instructing Referee' for the full duration of the fixture. This will require the Ground Official to be close to the field of play and/or technical area.
- (B) Ground Officials must be easily identifiable via high-visibility vest, with the words "HSA Official" or similar printed on it.
- (C) The Ground Official shall be over the age of 18 years of age and shall not be a coach or manager of a game in progress.
- (D) It is the 'home team' responsibility to provide the Ground Official for the SSF game or match. However, the SSF game or match 'venue host Club' may provide the Ground Official; provided the 'home team' and 'host venue Club' have made agreement to do so no less than 30 minutes prior to the SSF game or match kick-off.
- (E) Where two full size fields are in play at the same time, at least one Ground Official per full size field shall be on duty.
- (F) When any Small Sided Football games are in play, at least one Ground Official shall be on duty monitoring these games. The Small Sided Football Ground Official can also concurrently serve as the Ground Official for match play on one (1) full sized field.
- (G) The Ground Official has responsibilities for the security of the match team sheet per Rule 10.
- (H) For All Age competition matches, the Ground Official shall escort the match officials:
 - during the period of a minimum of 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off through to match kick-off and;
 - from the whistle concluding the first half of play through the whistle to commence the second half of play and;
 - for 10 minutes following the the full time whistle. If any match official requests the presence of the Ground Official at other any time before, during or after the match, the Ground Official must provide this service.
- (I) If the appointed referee decides to not proceed with officiating a match at a playing field because the Ground Official has not presented per Rule 13(H), the referee will inform the 'home team' team official that the Ground Official has not presented. The 'home team' shall be granted up to 10 minutes after the scheduled fixture starting time to appoint a Ground Official. If the 'home team' cannot or is unwilling to appoint a Ground Official within the time permitted by this Rule, The 'home team' will be deemed to have forfeited the match to the 'away team'.

- (J) The Ground Official shall circulate around the ground(s) and playing field facility to ensure that he/she is apparent to all present.
- (K) All persons at the ground(s) and playing field facility shall abide by any requests made by the Ground Official.
- (L) In the event of a dispute, improper conduct, or foul & abusive language by any persons at the grounds and playing field facility, then requests made by the Ground Official shall be final and complied with immediately
- (M) Reports of misconduct found by the Ground Official shall be in writing to HSA and shall be actioned by HSA Management Committee. The Ground Official must write a report on any incident or matter where requested by the HSA or FNSW.

In the absence of a current HSA Ground Officials Guideline, Clubs are referred to Appendix B for more information.

14. GROUNDS, MARKING AND EQUIPMENT:

It shall be the responsibility of the 'host venue club' to ensure that the following conditions are met:

- (A) The playing field for U6 – U10 Small Sided Football games are marked with cones, domes or line marking paint per FFA Small Sided Football regulations.
- (B) The playing field (for U11 to All Age competition) is marked as per directions in the international rules, including corner flags and nets. Note: Short corners for U/11 to U/12's are recommended to be marked at 7.5 m from penalty box (18yd box).
- (C) Playing fields for U11 to All Age must be fully set up no less than 15 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time. An appointed referee may declare the field setup is unsatisfactory at any point in time from 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off.
- (D) If the appointed referee decides to not proceed to officiate a match at a playing field because the referee has deemed the playing field setup does not meet the requirements of Rule 14(B), the 'home team' shall be granted up to 10 minutes after the scheduled match starting time to rectify the field set up deficiencies identified by the referee. If the 'home team' cannot or is unwilling to rectify any field set up deficiencies within the time permitted by this Rule, The 'home team' will be deemed to have forfeited the match to the 'away team'.
- (E) Should the appointed referee decide that the appointed ground is unfit for play per Rule 14(B), the Ground Official is empowered to move the game to be played on an alternative complying field at the same or nearby venue.
- (F) A technical area will be clearly marked for each team, with seating available for 7 persons per team.
- (G) The 'host venue club' is responsible to provide a recognisable spectator viewing area separate from the playing area for all spectators. It shall be the joint responsibility of the 'host venue club', 'home team' and Ground Official to control all spectators.

- (H) It is recommended that each team have a first aid kit available at each of their matches.
- (I) No person at all is to stand or sit along the goal line.
- (J) Except where specifically stated otherwise, the first team named in the competition draw shall be considered to be the 'home team'.

15. SUBSTITUTES:

- (A) For U11 – All Age competition matches, a maximum five (5) substitutes, per team sheet, per interchange rules may take place at any time and for any reason during a match so long as they were entered on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the game. A player shall be deemed to have played in a match if the players name is not struck off the team sheet at the time of the coach/manager signing the team sheet.
- (B) The interchange rule is to apply to the use of substitutes i.e. they may be taken from and put back on the field of play when the interchanging players team has possession of play & there is a break in the play. Interchange at these times shall be at the discretion of the referee.
- (C) Interchanges are to be conducted within 1m of halfway line, with both teams to interchange from the same side of the field.

16. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS (for Branch Championships):

- (A) Colours of the HSA Inc. shall be royal blue (alternate colour will be red). All equipment supplied to representative teams is to remain the property of the HSA Inc. Apparel items such as socks, tracksuit top, spray jacket, travel polo and bag are excepted.
- (B) Managers/coaches positions shall be declared vacant & expressions of interest for new appointments called for at a time nominated by the HSA sometime after the Branch Championships & before November. Expressions of interest from interested Coaches/Managers for team in the forthcoming Branch Championship shall be called for each year. Teams may not be entered in Branch Championships in every age division. Where players are selected for these teams, clubs must make every effort to ensure that players fulfill their obligations to the HSA.
- (C) All players selected shall play for the representative teams (as Rep Team Coaches/Managers shall have first call), but may play for their local competition club if they wish when not required for the representative team. Highlands Football Club players may not be permitted to play for local club competition.
- (D) Any team with four (4) or more representative players in their team may have their premiership game deferred when these players are required for representative games.
- (E) A player picked to play in a representative match who does not fulfill this obligation without due reason shall be suspended for two (2) ordinary competition matches.
- (F) It is recommended that all representative coaches hold as a minimum qualification the YOUTH coaching licence or attain such licence during the playing season that they intend to coach.

- (G) All coaches, managers, players and parents/guardians should refer to the HSA Rep Policy.

17. FINES AND PENALTIES:

The following fines are levied upon Clubs and Clubs to which offenders are members of.

(A)	Club Bond (where HSA Management Committee applies)	\$ 500 minimum
(B)	Withdrawal of team after draw has been compiled	\$ 200
(C)	Forfeit fine senior/juniors	\$ 30 / \$ 15
(D)	Failure to report any or all match result as required	\$ 50
(E)	Failure to submit team sheet per Rule 10	\$ 20 (each team sheet)
(F)	Protest / Dispute fee of any fine &/or penalty other than player or other disciplinary matters. (\$50 minimum is non-refundable)	\$ 200
(G)	HSA disciplinary appeal fee (\$200 is non-refundable) for appeal of any player or other disciplinary matter.	\$ 400
(H)	Failure to adhere to the conditions of Rules 13 A-G	\$ 50 each offence
(I)	Failure to adhere to the conditions of Rules 14 A-G	\$ 50 each offence
(J)	Failure to return trophies per Rule 20.	\$ 200 each + trophy replacment costs
(K)	A/A Club with no delegate at HSA meetings	\$ 30
(L)	Absent junior Club delegate at HSA meetings	\$ 30
(M1)	Playing an ineligible player – 1 st instance	\$ 100
(M2)	Playing an ineligible player – 2nd instance	\$ 100 + 1 pt
(M3)	Playing an ineligible player – 3rd instance	\$ 100 + 2 pts
(M4)	Playing an ineligible player – 4 th & subsequent instances	\$ 100 + 3 pts
(M5)	Playing an ineligible player – any finals match	\$ 200 (minimum). \$ 200 + overturn match result (maximum).
(N)	Failure to provide a club Assistant Referee	\$ 20
(O)	Failure to supply a suitable match ball	\$ 50
(P)	Failure to submit an incident or other report upon HSA request.	\$ 300
(Q)	Cautions – 1 st for season.	\$ nil (for 2010)
(R)	Cautions – 2nd for season & subsequent	\$ nil (for 2010)
(S)	Send-off – 1 st instance for season per player	\$ 50
(T)	Send-off – 2nd for season & subsequent per player	\$ 75
(U)	Sent-off player fails to leave field of play &/or technical area or fails to comply with direction otherwise of a Referee or Ground Official	\$ 100
(V)	Unauthorised persons inside technical area (i.e a player not on the team sheet or person not wearing team official identification)	\$ 50
(W)	Player or official oer other person cited to appear before a disciplinary judiciary or tribunal	\$ 100

18. FORFEITS:

- (A) HSA shall assign the grounds and kick-off times for all fixtures. Fixtures shall start at the advertised time. Any club not fulfilling its obligations (without satisfactory explanation) shall be deemed to have lost (**i.e. forfeited**) the match and be liable for all expenses incurred together with the prescribed fees.
- (B) The secretary of any Club shall give 48 hours notice to the Highlands Soccer Referees Association, the opposing Club and the HSA Competition Secretary of its intention to forfeit a fixture. Where the club fails to so notify, the club shall be liable for any expenses incurred, including the fees for any allocated HSRA referees/assistant referees.

Forfeits count as serving a one fixture suspension for any suspended player from the non-forfeiting team provided such player(s) are recorded on the team sheet when the team sheet is handed in to the registrar for the non-forfeiting team. The team responsible for the forfeit gains no advantage with respect to suspended players or the total games played by any player within that grade.

- (C) For All Age Competition, when a forfeit is unavoidable, the lowest graded team(s) must forfeit before any higher graded team(s). Failure to comply with this rule will result in the lowest graded team that did play being deemed ineligible for the match and the full penalty of Rule 17(M1, M2, M3, M4 &/or M5) will be applied in addition to Rule 17(C) to the team that did forfeit.
- (D) To claim a forfeit and therefore be awarded three (3) win points and three (3) 'goals for', the non-forfeiting team must complete all the fixture details on the teams sheet including the names of players who would have taken the field of play during the match and post it to HSA Inc per Rule 10A. It is important for player names to be included in the teamsheet for determining player eligibility for finals matches.

19. AGE DIVISION DATES:

In age competitions, players shall turn the age specified for the competition from 1st January to the 31st December of the current year.

Players wishing to play Small Sided Games in u/6's must turn 5 years of age by 31st December of the competition year.

20. ASSOCIATION TROPHIES:

- (A) All perpetual cups and trophies shall be returned to the HSA Inc. on the very same day these perpetual trophies are awarded. The applicable fine and replacement trophy cost penalties will automatically apply for breaches of this Rule.
- (B) A smaller replica trophy shall be awarded with all perpetual trophies for the winning team/club/individual to keep.
- (C) HSA may recall all presented trophies where proven player ineligibility penalty includes the overturning of a match result.

21. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY:

A trophy known as the HSA Club Championship shall be awarded to the club adjudged the annual Championship Club based on performances in competitions and Cups. Club Championship points shall be awarded to and deducted from HSA Clubs as follows:

U/10 – A/A Minor Premiers (for divisions graded at Competition commencement)	Minor Premiers	6 points
	Runners up	3 points
	Third	2 points
	Fourth	1 point
U11 – A/A Division Grand Final Winners (for divisions graded at Competition commencement)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
A/A Men Joint Competiton Champions League Cup (1 st Grade)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
A/A Men Darryl Kill (1 st Grade)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
A/A Women Noelene Munro Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
A/A Men Liberale Cup (Reserve Grd)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
A/A Men George Auld Cup (3 rd Grd)	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
U/16 Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
U/16 Girls Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
U/14 Jan Plain Memorial Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
U/13 Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
U/12 Antony Liberale Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
U/11 Michael Sant Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
U/10 Beryl Fitzgerald Memorial Cup	Winner	2 points
	Runner up	1 point
For all red cards or send-off offences, the offending players club will have one (1) Club Championship point deducted from that Clubs total points tally for the season.		

The Club Championship standings and points awarded/deducted including the statistics on red cards/send-offs may be published from time to time during the year.

22. COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF COMPETITION & CUPS:

- (A) The Competition and/or Cups will commence late March each year or as determined by HSA. For the 2010 season, the Competition will commence 10 April.
- (B) The Local Competition Grand Final will normally be held during September each year. For the 2010 season, the Local Competition Grand Final will be held 18 September.
- (C) The Joint Comp. Grand Final will be held during September each year. For the 2010 season, the Joint Competition Grand Final will be held 18 September.
- (D) Round-1 of the Football NSW Champions of Champions competition will be held Sunday 12th September. The Minor Premiers of each age group (U11, U12, U13, U14, U16, U16Girls, AAM1, AAW1, O35 Men, O45 Men) will play in the Champions of Champions competition against the minor premiers of other Football NSW Associations. Where Highlands FC has teams in a juniors age group, Highlands FC will represent HSA.
- (E) Teams that play in the Champion-of-Champions matches at the end of the season are required to, on match day, pay their full referee fees to the grounds canteen prior to taking the field of play. No pay = no play.

23. SMALL SIDED GAMES:

These will be conducted for U6 to U10 inclusive.

Refer to Football Federation Australia website for all resources:

www.smallsidedfootball.com.au

24. ELIGIBILITY:

(Note: Finals matches are semi-finals, finals and grand finals).

- (A) Definition of Grades in Ascending Order:
 - Mixed: U/6, U/7, U/8, U/9, U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16.
 - Male: AA Men 3rd Grade, AA Men Reserves, AA Men 1st Grade (determined by the Comp. Sec.)
 - Female: U/16
 - Female: AA Women 1st Grade and AA Women 1st Grade (determined by the Comp. Sec.)
- (B) Junior Competition (U/11 to U/16) finals series:
 - (i) A player must have played FIVE (5) competition matches with that team.
- (C) All Age Competition finals series:

- (i) For AA 1st Grade, a player must have played ONE (1) competition match with that club.
- (ii) For any other grade, the player can only play in finals matches for a team if the player has played a higher proportion of competition matches with that team during the competition. Where a player has played equal number of games for two teams in the same Club, the player is only eligible to play in the higher graded team.

Exemptions to Rule (24) to enable a player to play in a finals series may be applied for by written application to the Management Committee no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the match.

25. ALL COMPETITION - GENERAL:

- (A) All Age Men 1st, Reserve & 3rd Grades will comprise equal number of teams where possible in each grade, ideally 8 teams per grade. Clubs are encouraged to nominate teams in each grade. Final grading of teams will be in consultation with and at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.
- (B) No club may nominate more than one team in any All Age Men grade without also nominating at least one team in each other All Age Men grade available.
- (C) Excepting All Age, players may NOT play in a lower grade.
- (D) Any male player may play up to two (2) chronological age groups higher and any female player may play up to three (3) chronological age groups higher provided that:
 - (i) There is an assessment made by the Clubs for each & every player wishing to play in a higher age group than their own age group.
 - (ii) The Club makes a documented assessment of the reasons why the well being of the individual & the other members of the higher age group teams will not be unduly affected. The Club must document its active approach to providing its 'duty of care' to those concerned. This documentation should be attached to the team registration sheet.
 - (iii) That the player is not discriminated against otherwise.
 - (iv) Any male player wanting to play All Age Local Competition must be turning 16 years of age within the competition year. Clubs which have male players who will not have reach the age of 16 years within competition year, whom wish to play HSA Local Competition in All Age Men, may make application to HSA for the player to play in All Age. The Player cannot take the field of play in All Age Local Competition until HSA have granted approval to do so in writing.
 - (v) Clubs seeking to register females turning 13 years of age during the competition year to play in the U16 Girls competition must carry out its own risk assessment for each potential player and attach the risk sssessment with a written request for approval for the potential player to play in the U16 Girls competition. The HSA will conduct its own assessment of the potential player & then inform the Club

of its determination of the matter. Females turning 12 years or younger during the competition year cannot play in the U16 Girls competition.

- (E) For All Age Competition, only three (3) players listed on any competition team sheet can play in another All Age competition team on the same day.
- (F) Clubs with more than one junior (U11-U16 inclusive) team in a grade, are not permitted to transfer any team nominated players from one team to another team(s), or they will be deemed to have played an illegal player and the relevant penalty shall apply.
- (G) A player cannot take the field of play in another match until the match they are playing in has been completed.
- (H) All HSA Clubs are required to have paid all HSA and Highlands Soccer Referee Association (HSRA) accounts aged at thirty one (31) days after invoice date as of **3rd August 2010** to be eligible to compete in any competition semi final, final or grand final match. The only exception will be for any Club which has tendered a formal 'deed of arrangement' to repay any outstanding accounts in full, whereby the 'deed of arrangement' has been formally accepted by HSA prior to the **3rd August 2010**.

All invoices from HSA & HSRA are payable within thirty (30) days of invoice date. Clubs that do not pay HSA & HSRA invoices within these payment terms during the semi final, final or grand final match series will be deemed ineligible to play in these matches.

- (I) Clubs must certify that All Age players (Student and non-Student) have at least paid their applicable player registration fees including all FFA, FNSW, Southern Branch, HSA and WSC user fees (i.e. all dispersements) at time of team nominations and/or time of player registration with HSA. The act of a club registering a player with HSA will serve as the required certification.

Clubs must certify that All Age players (Student and non-Student) have paid the full applicable player registration fee for their club before the player plays any competition or Cup for their club. The act of a club entering a players name on a team sheet for a Cup or Competition match will serve as the required certification.

- (i) Penalty for non-compliance is \$100 and/or 3 point deduction for the team the player is nominated in;
- (ii) If the offending player is not nominated in a team, the team in the highest division in which the club fields teams will incur the 3 point deduction.

Note: any team playing a match who believes that the opposition is violating eligibility, should still play the game, NOT sign the match card and explain to the referee that a protest will be lodged to reach the secretary within 48 hours. If no protest is received in this manner, then the right to protest will be voided.

26. COMPETITION DIVISIONS:

Frequently, some age groups are too large to play two full rounds throughout the season. It is also difficult to accurately pre-grade such a group of teams. Split rounds, incomplete rounds, or other method of providing a competition schedule will be employed at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.

27. SUNDAY AVAILABILITY:

Each player and club shall keep Sundays free in order to play wet weather games, cup games or any other game as required.

28. CUP RULES:

- (A) Both HSA & STFA AAM 1st Grade teams will play one (1) combined round of the HSA/STFA *Joint Competition Champions League Cup*. The highest ranked STFA team will play the highest ranked HSA team in the *Joint Competition Champions League Cup* final.
- (B) The top four ranked HSA AAM 1st Grade teams will after the first full round of the STFA/HSA Joint Competition qualify for the AAM 1st Grade *Darryl Kill Cup* semi-finals knock-out. Semi-finals winners will compete in the AAM 1st Grade *Darryl Kill Cup* grand-final.
- (C) The top four ranked HSA AAM Reserve Grade teams will after the first full round of the HSA AAM Reserve Grade competition qualify for the AAM Reserve Grade *Liberale Cup* semi-finals knock-out. Semi-finals winners will compete in the AAM Reserve Grade *Liberale Cup* grand-final.
- (D) The top four ranked HSA AAM 3rd Grade teams will after the first full round of the HSA AAM 3rd Grade competition qualify for the AAM 3rd Grade *George Auld Cup* semi-finals knock-out. Semi-finals winners will compete in the AAM 3rd Grade *George Auld Cup* grand-final.
- (E) *Noelene Munro Cup* - This knock-out cup is to be played by all AA Women teams.

Darryl Kill, Liberale, George Auld & Nolene Munro Cups (general):

- (i) All HSA teams nominated for local or joint competition are automatically entered into the various Cup competitions.
- (ii) Clubs with two or more All Age teams, which each play in these cup competitions, must nominate nine (9) players per team prior to the commencement of the first round. These nominated nine players can be so nominated by entering the nine names on the team sheet prior to the first game to be played in each cup. Nine eligible player names must appear on the team sheet at the time of presentation of the team sheets to the HSA Inc. Registrar &/or Secretary.

(iii) All Darryl Kill, Liberale, George Auld & Nolene Munro Cup matches will have match result points awarded as follows:

Win:	4 points
Score draw:	2 points
Scoreless draw:	1 point
Loss:	0 points
Bye:	0 points
Win by forfeit:	4 points (plus 3 goal difference)
Bonus point for scored win result by 3 goals or more:	1 point

(iv) Teams must nominate nine (9) players for any forfeited match on a team sheet. The team sheet must be submitted as per Rule 10.

(vi) Five (5) interchange players will be permitted in these cups.

(vii) Players named on the team sheet for a Cup team will be tied to that team for the Cup competition & cannot play for any other Cup team.

(viii) Players appearing on team sheets for more than one Cup will be deemed an ineligible player; applicable HSA fines & penalties will be automatically applied.

(ix) In the event of a drawn match in any final, Rule 2(F) shall apply to determine the winner.

(x) Fees for official referees and linesmen shall be those applicable to normal competition games for those grades.

STFA/HSA Join Competition Champions League Cup (general):

(i) Refer to STFA/HSA Jont Competition Rules.

ANY OTHER CUPS

Other cups conducted by the HSA Inc. shall have the rules specified by the management committee.

29. REGRADES:

No regrades will be permitted, except upon a written application from a club to the HSA Inc. Management Committee specifying the exceptional circumstances whereby that club believes that a regrade should occur. No more than two (2) regrades will be considered per team by the HSA Inc. Management Committee unless further extenuating circumstances arise. Clubs shall not expect a regrade until such time as a written reply is received from the HSA Inc. A copy of any acceptance should be attached to the clubs copy of the team nomination sheet.

30. CAUTION & SEND OFF REPORT:

- (A) Such reports are to be completed by the match Referee with any cautions entered on the team sheet. Where there are no cautions then NIL CAUTIONS must be entered on the sheet.
- (B) Send off reports from each match are to be sent so as to reach the HSA Secretary within seventy two (72) hours of the match. Reports not received by this time will not be dealt with.
- (C) At the completion of the Premiership competition rounds, all players will start on zero (0) yellow cards for the finals.

31. DISCIPLINE BY JUDICIARY &/or APPEALS COMMITTEE:

- (A) A sub-committee of the HSA consisting of four (4) to six (6) people shall be selected as required to determine all judiciary matters of the HSA. The Chairperson of such committee will be appointed by the HSA Management Committee and will have a second and casting vote if required. The members of the Judiciary Committee shall have no direct affiliation with any Clubs or Players appearing before the Judiciary Committee.

32. SUSPENSIONS:

- 32.1 For the purpose of defining suspensions, competition fixtures shall be deemed to be any premierships competition fixture or play-off and any cup-tie fixture or play off actually controlled or organised by the HSA that the suspended parties' team actually participates in.
- 32.2 Suspensions and penalties of the Disciplinary Committee of HSA shall also apply to any player; person or official registered within its jurisdiction whose team by seeking to play in a competition recognised by Football NSW although not necessarily under its direct control.

32.3 PLAYERS SENT OFF

A player shall be sent from the field for the following offences as prescribed for in the laws of the game;

R1 The player is guilty of serious foul play

R2 The player is guilty of violent conduct

R3 The player spits at an opponent or any other person

R4 The player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goal keeper within his or her own penalty area)

R5 The player denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.

R6 The player uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures

R7 The player receives a second caution in the same match

For the purpose of these Regulations, reference to a player during a match includes a substitute and a substituted player.

- (a) Players sent from the field shall incur a minimum one (1) match suspension. This one (1) match suspension is mandatory and is not subject to challenge, appeal or waiver by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) The HSA Secretary (or delegate) will provide a copy of any send-off report to the offending players Club within forty eight (48) hours of receipt of such report in accordance with Rule 30(B).
- (c) All clubs whose players are dismissed from the field of play are required to follow these directions:
 - (i) Each and every club whose player(s) was/were dismissed from the field of play for offences other than R4, R5, and R7, must contact the HSA Secretary by not later than noon of the Thursday of the second week following the send-off to inquire as to what the Disciplinary Committee's decision is after reviewing the offence. If the decision is to be challenged, notification of such action is to be received by the HSA Secretary by no later than noon of the following day after any notification.
 - (ii) Offences with a more than the minimum of fixture penalty have two options:-
 - (a) Accept the penalty as stipulated, or
 - (b) Challenge the penalty, and if the player is found guilty he/she will be subject to a penalty greater than the minimum by one or more fixtures up to the maximum number of fixtures as prescribed in the Rules.
 - (iii) In the event that a player challenges a determination by the Disciplinary Committee above the minimum sentence, the player is required to stand down until the challenge is heard.
 - (iv) If a player fails to attend the Disciplinary Committee meeting his/her hearing will be dismissed.
 - (v) Players may no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the hearing inform HSA Secretary in writing that they consent to the matter being heard ex-parte and submit written evidence in support of their defence or in mitigation of penalty.

(vi) The players Club shall be notified no less than forty eight (48) hours prior to Disciplinary Committee Meeting of the meeting day and place for the Disciplinary Committee Meeting.

(vii) Players shall be deemed to have received notice from the Club as to the meeting day of the Disciplinary Committee.

(d) Persons summoned to appear before the Disciplinary Committee shall be suspended until such time that they appear.

32.4 In cases of emergency the Disciplinary Committee shall meet at short notice to hear cases of players sent off in mid-week fixtures. In such cases players and Referees shall receive forty eight (48) hours notice to be in attendance.

32.5 Players failing to appear before the Disciplinary Committee when requested to do so will be considered suspended from playing until such time as their matter is dealt with by the said Committee.

Players sent from the field and who do not attend the Disciplinary Committee as required, will receive a letter requesting them to attend a further Disciplinary Committee Meeting. Such players are suspended from taking part in any games in the meantime or until such time that the sentence has been served as specified in the Regulations. If such a player fails to attend this rescheduled meeting, the matter will be dealt with in their absence.

32.6 **PLAYERS DISMISSED FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY**

A player who has been sent from the field will not participate in another match on the same day.

32.7 **SUSPENDED PLAYERS - TRIAL GAMES**

A player under suspension for a number of competition fixtures shall not be permitted to play in trial games without the specific sanction of the HSA Management Committee and the payment of a good behaviour surety as determined by the HSA Management Committee which may be forfeited at the discretion of the HSA Management Committee.

32.8 **MATCH CAUTIONS**

(a) A player shall be cautioned for the following offences as prescribed for in the laws of the game;

Y1 The player is guilty of unsporting behaviour

Y2 The player shows dissent by word or action

Y3 The player persistently infringes the Laws of the Game

Y4 The player delays the restart of play

- Y5 The player fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
- Y6 The player enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission
- Y7 The player deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission
- (b) A player shall be cautioned during the course of a match for any offence under FIFA Laws of The Game which is deemed necessary by the Referee.
- (c) The Referee may reprimand a player during the course of play, without the showing of a yellow card.
- (d) An official booking (or caution) is administered by the Referee recording a player's name and number and the offence committed on Match Teamsheet at the conclusion of the match.

There shall be no appeal against the receiving of a caution from the Referee.

- (e) In the event of no players being cautioned during the match, the words "NO CAUTIONS" shall be written across the bottom of the Match Teamsheet by the Referee only.
- (f) After an individual player has received five (5) official cautions, the player shall serve a one (1) fixture suspension. The suspension shall be served in the same competition fixture grade following receipt of the fifth (5th) caution. There shall be no appeal against a one (1) fixture suspension after receiving five (5) official cautions.
- (g) Any player who accumulates a further three (3) official cautions, making a total of eight (8) shall be suspended for a further two (2) fixtures in the grade in which they receive the eighth caution. The player must serve the two (2) fixture suspension in the club's next two (2) competition fixtures following the match in which the eight (8) official cautions were received.
- (h) Any player who accumulates more than eight (8) official cautions in any one season shall be called to appear before the Disciplinary Committee, who may apply further penalty, bond, fine or suspension for each official caution given to the player thereafter.
- (i) Premiership cautions shall not carry over from season to season. The termination of a premiership season shall be at the conclusion of the last premiership fixture of the season before the final series.
- (j) Any player who is dismissed from the field upon being cautioned for a second yellow card offence, the initial yellow card during that game shall NOT be taken into account for the purpose of the accumulation of cautions for the application of suspension in accordance with Rule 32.8(f) and 32.8(g).

- (k) Any club who is found to have played a player who should have been stood down because of any breach of Rule 32.8 may be fined the amount of \$500.00 and the match may be awarded to the opponents with the score line reading three goals to nil (3-0).

32.9 FINAL SERIES CAUTIONS

Any player receiving two (2) cautions in the final series shall automatically stand down the next fixture. If the player's team/club have completed its final series commitments the player shall stand down the first competition game in the following season.

32.10 JOINT COMPETITION CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CUP CAUTIONS

Any player receiving two (2) cautions in the Joint Competition Champions League Cup shall automatically stand down in his/her next Cup/League fixture. Should his/her team be eliminated from the Cup/League tournament, the player will serve an automatic one (1) match stand down in his/her club's next official fixture.

32.11 FINDINGS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Committee has the power to:

- (a) Consider the reports of Referees, assistant referees and others.
- (b) Decide if the offence is proved.
- (c) Determine and set whatever punishments or sanctions that it considers appropriate in accordance with the guidelines.

32.12 PUNISHMENT

If the Disciplinary Committee considers that the offence is proved it must select the punishment from the following guidelines. The Disciplinary Committee is not empowered to set punishments outside these guidelines. Suspensions are calculated in fixtures or a time frame.

32.13 The Disciplinary Committee has the right to consider:

- (a) the severity of the offence
- (b) the player's past record
- (c) extenuating circumstances

32.14 PENALTIES

The Disciplinary Committee shall impose penalties within the following guidelines:

SECTION 'A' - Offences by players against other players or any other person, Sending-Off Offences (In accordance with the guidelines of FIFA Law 12)

Offence Codes	Minimum	Maximum
(a) R1 – Serious foul play	2 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
R1 Expanded		
(a) Violent Tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an opponent	3 Fixtures	10 Fixtures
(b) (i) Rugby Tackle	2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures
(ii) Violent Charging	2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures
(iii) Over the Ball Tackle	2 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
(b) R2 Violent conduct		
R2 Expanded		
(a) (i) Head Butting	5 Fixtures	24 Months
(ii) Punching/Fighting	2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures
(iii) Kicking	2 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
(b) Elbowing	2 Fixtures	16 Fixtures
R2 (b) Expanded		
(i) Elbowing to the Head	4 Fixtures	16 Fixtures
(ii) Elbowing to the Body	2 Fixtures	10 Fixtures
(c) R3 - Spitting	8 Fixtures	1 Year
(d) R4 - Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (handball)	1 Fixture	4 Fixtures
(e) R5 - Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (holding) (tripping) (impeding)	1 Fixture	6 Fixtures
(f) R6 Using Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language	2 Fixtures	8 Fixtures
R6 (a) Making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures	4 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
R6 (a) Expanded		
(a) (i) Indecent Actions	4 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
(g) R7 - Second Caution		1 Fixture

Note: Section 'A' applies also for "Offences by players and team officials against match officials after having been sent from the field" and dealt with by the Judiciary Committee.

SECTION 'B' - Offences by players and team officials against match officials

Note: Players includes named substitutes. Team officials comprise coaches, managers, trainers, and any other person permitted in the Technical Area.

Offence Codes	Minimum	Maximum
(h) R2 Threatening or intimidating a referee or assistant referee by word or action	12 Fixtures	Life
(i) Tripping a referee or assistant referee	1 Year	Life
(ii) Pushing with an open hand, or shoulder, hip	1 Year	Life
(iii) Striking with the ball or other object	1 Year	Life
(iv) Punching, Kicking or elbowing	Life	Life
(i) R3 Spitting	8 Fixtures	Life
(j) R6 Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language.	3 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
(i) Making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures.	4 Fixtures	20 Fixtures

Note: Section 'B' applies also for "Offences by players and team officials against match officials after having been sent from the field" and dealt with by the Judiciary Committee.

SECTION 'C' - Other offences by players and team officials

(k) Inciting the crowd	10 Fixtures	6 Years
(l) Attacking or fighting with spectators	1 Year	Life
(m) Bringing the game into disrepute	6 Fixtures	Life
(n) Deliberately misleading the Disciplinary Committee	10 Fixtures	2 Years
(o) Spitting at or onto spectators	8 Fixtures	Life

Note: Players includes named substitutes. Team officials comprise coaches, managers, trainers, and any other person permitted in the Technical Area.

32.15 TEAM OFFICIALS – MANDATORY MATCH SUSPENSION

A referee may take action against a Team Official who fails to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may expel the Team Official from the field of play and its surroundings, including the technical area.

A Team Official who has been expelled from the field of play or technical area by a referee must serve a mandatory one (1) fixture suspension.

The club of any Team Official that is found to have entered either the field of play or technical area whilst suspended may be fined up to \$250.00.

32.16 ABANDONED MATCHES, CAUTIONS AND SEND OFFS

A yellow card issued during an abandoned match will be annulled if that match is replayed and upheld if that match is not replayed.

A red card issued during an abandoned match will be upheld, regardless of whether the match is replayed or not.

32.17 FINES & BONDS

The Disciplinary Committee is also empowered to additionally fine a Professional player or place an Amateur or Professional player on a bond.

32.18 PERSISTENT OFFENDERS

In cases of repetition, that is, if the same player during the same season is reported for other offences, even if the infraction is not of the same nature, more severe sanctions may be taken.

32.19 VIOLENCE

All cases of violence will be severely punished.

32.20 UNABLE TO DETERMINE OFFENCE

Should the Disciplinary Committee be unable to decide what category a particular offence falls under the Chief Executive Officer of the Football NSW (or his/her delegate) shall decide.

32.21 USE OF VIDEO EVIDENCE

The admissibility and weight to be given to evidence including electronic, audio, visual material i.e: video, DVD recordings in the proceedings shall be at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee or other Tribunal hearing the matter.

Visual aids (video, films, etc) to support or question a referee's report regarding an offence punishable by expulsion can be used only to verify the player's identity.

- (a) Audio visual evidence is to be used solely as additional proof in disciplinary cases.
- (b) Decisions of fact made by referees are final and not subject to appeal and shall not be modified on the basis of video recordings (e.g. offside, penalty, goals, etc.).
- (c) Decisions must be based principally on the reports of the referee and assistant referees, as well as those of the commissioner, referee inspector and other officials.
- (d) Video recordings shall not be used as a means of restricting the authority and decisionary power of the referee, but only as the most accurate way of investigating the truth when disciplinary action is required. Such film evidence may also be referred to, if further sanctions are to be imposed on the guilty player.

32.22 APPEALS

All appeals to a determination of the Disciplinary Committee are to be made to the Appeals Tribunal.

Appeals against a determination of the Disciplinary Committee must be lodged within seven (7) days of the decision or finding being notified to the appellant. The appeal fee of \$350 with a non refundable component of \$100 is to accompany any appeal.

32.23 ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS ABOVE THE RECOMMENDED RANGE

In exceptional circumstances, the Disciplinary Committee may impose a sanction greater than the range of suspension as detailed in these regulations.

32.24 APPLICATION OF FIXTURE VERSUS TIME SUSPENSIONS

Suspensions in terms of fixtures apply only to the style of football in which they were received (11 – a – side or Futsal etc).

Suspensions in terms of time (e.g: months) apply to all types of football (11 – a – side or Futsal etc).

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## APPENDIX - A

### CONTACTS

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# APPENDIX - B

## RESOURCES

**1. Policies, Procedures & Rules:**  
( as posted on [www.hsa.org.au](http://www.hsa.org.au) )

**2. Guidelines**

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| Grounds Officials | <a href="http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/infokit_groundoff_bw.pdf">www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/infokit_groundoff_bw.pdf</a><br><a href="http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/infokit_officials_bw.pdf">www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/infokit_officials_bw.pdf</a><br><a href="http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/prevention_checklist.pdf">www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/prevention_checklist.pdf</a><br><a href="http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/sr_samplenewsletter.doc">www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/sr_samplenewsletter.doc</a><br><a href="http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/dealing_w_sportrage.pdf">www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/sportrage/dealing_w_sportrage.pdf</a> |
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